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**AMENDMENT B**

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2003, please amend the above  
application as follows:

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**Specification:**

Page 2, please make the following change to the second paragraph of the  
"Background of the Invention" section:

The problems of resting or sleeping in an upright chair are well known  
to airline, rail, and bus travelers, and there are several attempted solutions in  
the prior art. Seats on common-carriers often recline only slightly. If a  
passenger falls asleep in such a position, he or she must unconsciously balance  
his or her head, constantly contracting many neck muscles. This eventually  
causes muscle strain and extreme discomfort for most travelers. A more  
immediate problem, however, is that by falling into a deeper state of

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